GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a new Central Scholarship Scheme for the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the students belonging to creamy layer will also be considered under this Central Scholarship Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced a new Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for ST Students from the academic year 2007-08 with the objective of enabling meritorious ST students to pursue degree and post degree level courses in any of the identified institutes. 127 institutes have been approved under the scheme, in both Government and private sectors, covering the field of management, medicine, engineering, law and commercial courses. Each institute has been allocated maximum of five awards, with a ceiling of total 635 scholarships per year. A meritorious ST student who has gained admission in any of these 127 identified institutes shall be eligible for receiving the scholarship under this scheme provided he falls within the inter-se seniority list of top five meritorious ST students and the total family income of the ST student from all the sources does not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.

The ST students will be awarded scholarship covering full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government-funded institutions. However, there is a ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakh per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training. In addition, the scholarship also provides for
(i) living expenses @ Rs.2200/- per month per student subject to actuals,
(ii) books and stationery @ Rs.3000/- per annum per student and
(iii) cost of a latest computer system along with its accessories limited to Rs.45000/- as one time assistance during the course.